



Confederated Tribes and Bands of
the Yakama Nation

Request for Proposal

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OVERVIEW

Objective

The Yakama Nation envisions a clean and productive Columbia River that sustains the cultural practices of Yakama members and improves life for our neighbors and future generations.

The Yakama Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe pursuant to the Treaty of Walla Walla, June 9, 1855 (12 Stat. 951). As set forth in the Treaty of 1855, other federal statutes, and court decisions, the Yakama Nation holds reserved fishing rights and responsibilities as a co-manager of fisheries in the Columbia River Basin. The Yakama Nation also uses its authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Recovery and Compensation Liability Act (CERCLA) to participate in the cleanup and restoration of hazardous waste sites in the Columbia River Basin. Yakama Nation Fisheries (YNF) is tasked with the oversight of priority hazardous waste sites and contamination issues affecting Columbia River Basin resources. YNF's involvement in these sites includes participation in technical, project management, and policy meetings on response and natural resource damage actions. Due to the complexity and volume of work tasks associated with this involvement, contract technical support services are required.

The Yakama Nation requests proposals from engineering and technical consulting firms to accomplish the work elements outlined in this Request for Proposal (RFP) and provide technical assistance to support YNF's work on cleaning up and restoring hazardous waste sites in the Columbia River Basin. The technical support contract established from this RFP is for fiscal year 2015 (October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015).

SCOPE OF WORK

General Requirements

The contractor shall be available to provide regular and on-call technical support services for the length of the contract. Work schedules and deadlines for deliverables will be agreed upon iteratively. Travel will be required for support at technical meetings, coordination meetings, and site visits throughout the Pacific Northwest. Meetings with Yakama Nation Tribal Council and YNF Management Team will also be required.

Work Elements

Routine technical support shall be provided in the following areas including, but not limited to:

- Ascertain the stage of cleanup for individual sites. Determine if available data will provide the necessary information to establish a remedial action that is protective of Yakama Nation resources. Identify key issues or data gaps to be resolved. Track project timeline and identify key issues or activities for YNF management/staff engagement.

- Ascertain the stage of a natural resource injury assessment for individual sites. Determine if available data will provide the necessary information to establish a settlement that appropriately compensates for natural resource damages. Identify key issues or data gaps to be resolved. Track project timeline and identify key issues or activities for YNF management/staff engagement.
- Review and comment on all phases of a hazardous waste site response and natural resource damage actions. The following activities (and their associated documents) would require tracking, review, comment, and identification of potential issues: site investigations, remedial investigations, feasibility studies, risk assessments, remedial designs, closeout reports, monitoring plans, restoration planning, natural resource injury assessment, natural resource damages, and other associated activities/documents.
- Attend technical meetings/conference calls, coordination meetings, and site visits.
- Support strategic planning efforts to obtain a clean productive Columbia River.
- Assist with conducting public outreach to educate members of Yakama Nation and the general public on YNF activities to cleanup and restore the Columbia River.
- Assist with project reporting requirements.

Deliverables

Deliverables will be determined throughout the year as documents become available for review and technical support needs are identified. Examples of the type of deliverables are listed below.

- Provide a summary report on the status of a site's remedial investigation; remediation; five-year review; closure report; and/or natural resource damage assessment process. Provide a summary report on a site's remediation process in relationship to protectiveness for Yakama Nation resources. Provide a summary report on a site's key response issues and/or data gaps to be resolved. Provide a summary report on a site's remediation timeline identifying key issues of concern.
- Provide comments on monitoring, sampling, analyses, and modeling for hazardous waste site response and/or natural resource damage actions. Comments should help ensure that all information and analytical data gathered at sites are technically sound and statistically reliable.
- Provide technical review and analysis of human health and ecological risk assessments, or specific component of these risk assessments to support decisions made on the adequacy of and actions needed to upgrade such risk assessments.
- Provide content knowledgeable staff to conduct research, analysis, and integration of information from available scientific literature on regional toxic issues and site specific concerns.

- Prepare factsheets, reports, presentations, and tribal/public outreach materials on specific hazardous waste sites and other regional hazardous waste issues.
- Provide technical support at key meetings to promote Yakama Nation's positions.
- Provide support on grant development, management and deliverables.

Contractor Hours

The selected contractor will be expected to be able to provide a minimum level of support as described below:

Contractor Staff Type	Anticipated Number of Support Hours
Professional Engineer(s)	700 Hours
Environmental Scientist(s)	1200 Hours

The anticipated number of support hours should be used to develop a budget for the proposal. A final contract budget will be established in cooperation with the Yakama Nation.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Firms submitting proposals shall have the ability to successfully complete work deliverables. Firms must have experience in working with Tribes on hazardous waste issues, knowledge and experience on Section 128(a) response program requirements, and knowledge and experience in natural resource damages. Firms must be able to provide support to the Yakama Nation without conflict [meaning a firm who provides technical support to responsible parties who are liable for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources resulting from the release of hazardous materials in the Columbia River Basin]. A scope of work, a budget, and schedule will be developed in cooperation with the selected consulting firm.

- Proposal should be no more than 8 pages, excluding resumes and attachments.
- Proposal budget should be based of the anticipated support hours above.
- Proposal to be received by 5 p.m. on September 30, 2014.
- Proposal to be mailed to: Rose Longoria, Yakama Nation Fisheries, PO BOX 151, Toppenish, WA 98948.